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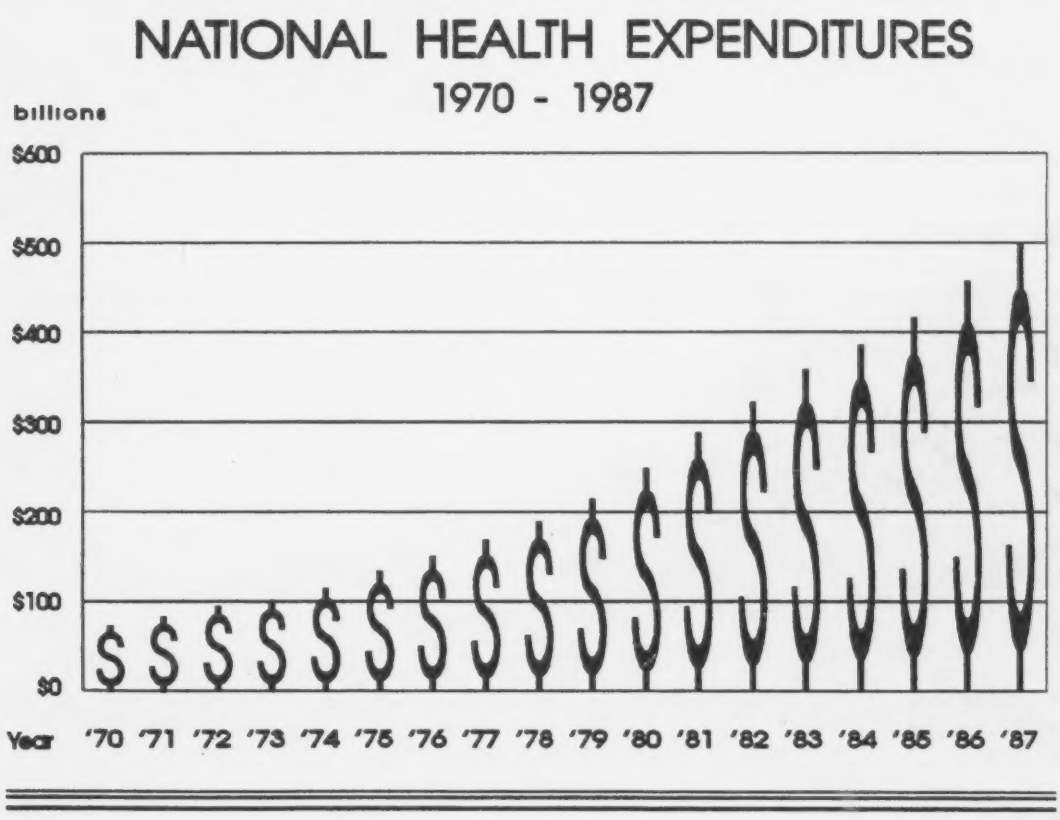

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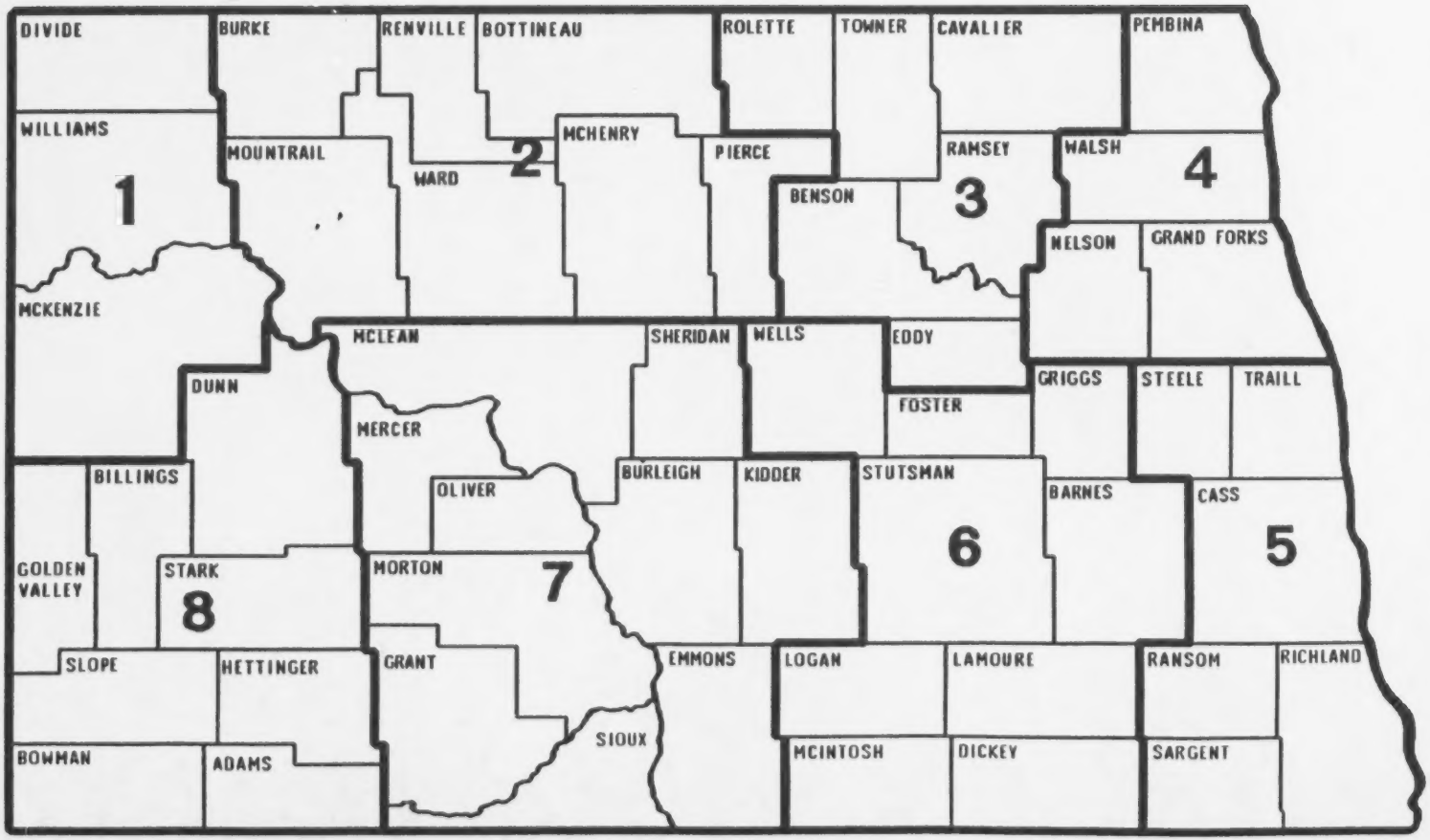

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HEALTH CARE IN NORTH DAKOTA - WHO SHOULD PAY?

According to the 1989 Health Insurance Survey of North Dakotans, 8.8% of our residents are without health insurance. That translates into approximately 55,000 to 57,000 people who do not have medical coverage (survey administered by the Bureau of Governmental Affairs, December 1989).

Lately, there has been a lot of media discussion about the best way to ensure that all of our citizens have equal access to health care. From the 1989 Health Insurance Survey, 36.6% of those with insurance coverage indicate that they feel "employers" should be those providing health insurance. This raises serious questions for the small employer in terms of the costs associated with providing health coverage. According to Susan Engeleiter, administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses pay 10% to 40% more for their health insurance premiums than do larger companies. In addition, since many small businesses are not incorporated, they are not entitled to the same tax benefits on health costs that incorporated businesses are (the Council of State Governments, May 1990). This can be especially crucial in a state such as ours where 79% of all firms have fewer than 10 employees (1st quarter 1989 ES-202/Employer Contribtion data). From the Job Service North Dakota publication North Dakota Wage and Benefit Survey for 1988-1989, 75% of employers do provide some health coverage for their full-time employees, with 56% of all employers paying more than half of this coverage. However, only 21% of employers provide any health coverage for their part-time employees (those working less than 30 hours per week). In looking at a summary of the 14 areas surveyed for the Local Employment Survey, it was found that of all new jobs created in the last four years, 59% of these were part-time. If this trend continues, we may have more of our population without employer-provided health insurance.

Of those people without health coverage, 35.9% feel that some sort of national health insurance plan should be established. One of the most frequently cited examples of a national health insurance policy is that which is in use in Canada. However, the Canadian system is also experiencing difficulties in terms of ever-increasing costs. Since Canadians are entitled to full, free medical insurance, there are no incentives for cost containment. Additionally, with Canada facing a per capita deficit exceeding that of the United States, some costs may soon be shifted to health care consumers (Kathleen Doherty, Business & Health, July 1989).

From 1970 to 1987, national health care expenditures rose from $75 billion to $500.3 billion annually. As a percent of our gross national product, health care has gone from 7.4% to 11.1% in the same time period. As the costs for health care continue to escalate, more and more of the burden is being shifted to the consumer in the form of higher copayments and larger deductibles. This can become financially disastrous for some. In a recent study conducted by the Service Employees International Unions, 178 health plans were examined to determine the effect of cost saving measures from 1987 to 1989. The study showed that middle income families were at risk for as much as 20% of their after-tax income when they were covered by fee-for-service health plans, and lower income workers could be at risk for as much as 30%. The Bureau of National Affairs considers ordinary health expenditures as 8% of after-tax income and expenditures of 8%-12% as catastrophic.

It is evident that there are no easy answers to a question as complex as this. However, as we face a growing elderly population, newer and costlier medical technology, and overall greater demand for health care services, this question is not one that will simply go away.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1990	September 1990	September 1990	October 1989	October 1989
TOTAL	271,050	268,350	1.0%	265,600	2.1%
GOODS PRODUCING	34,650	34,000	1.9%	33,050	4.8%
MINING	4,350	4,550	-4.4%	4,250	2.4%
Coal	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,900	3,000	-3.3%	2,600	11.5%
Other Mining	400	450	-11.1%	550	-27.3%
CONSTRUCTION	11,700	11,700	0.0%	11,600	0.9%
Building Construction	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	3,000	-10.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,400	3,300	3.0%	3,100	9.7%
Special Trade Construction	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,500	1.8%
MANUFACTURING	18,600	17,750	4.8%	17,200	8.1%
Durable Goods	9,150	9,000	1.7%	8,200	11.6%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,100	4.5%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,550	5,450	1.8%	4,900	13.3%
Machinery & Electric	4,000	3,900	2.6%	3,600	11.1%
Transportation Equipment	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,300	19.2%
Other Durables	2,450	2,400	2.1%	2,200	11.4%
Lumber & Wood	1,200	1,150	4.3%	1,000	20.0%
Misc Durable	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,200	4.2%
Nondurable Goods	9,450	8,750	8.0%	9,000	5.0%
Food & Kindred Products	5,400	4,650	16.1%	4,950	9.1%
Dairy Products	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
Bakery Products	1,400	1,150	21.7%	850	64.7%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,450	1,100	31.8%	1,450	0.0%
Other Foods	1,900	1,750	8.6%	2,000	-5.0%
Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,450	1,500	-3.3%	1,550	-6.5%
SERVICES PRODUCING	236,400	234,350	0.9%	232,550	1.7%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,450	17,400	0.3%	17,000	2.6%
Transportation	9,150	9,100	0.5%	8,800	4.0%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,200	5,100	2.0%	5,000	4.0%
Other Transportation	3,950	4,000	-1.3%	3,800	3.9%
Railroads	1,850	1,950	-5.1%	1,850	0.0%
Local & Suburban Transport	900	850	5.9%	900	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,050	14.3%
Communications	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,500	0.0%
Utilities	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4,700	2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,400	-0.5%	19,800	-2.5%
Durable Goods	8,800	8,900	-1.1%	9,100	-3.3%
Nondurable Goods	10,500	10,500	0.0%	10,700	-1.9%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1990	September 1990	September 1990	October 1989	October 1989
RETAIL TRADE	50,550	50,950	-0.8%	50,150	0.8%
Hardware & Garden	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,600	-7.7%
General Merchandise	6,600	6,400	3.1%	6,600	0.0%
Food Stores	7,100	7,100	0.0%	7,100	0.0%
Auto & Service Stations	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,700	3.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,700	-3.7%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,800	18,400	-3.3%	17,700	0.6%
Misc Retail	5,500	5,500	0.0%	5,100	7.8%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,350	12,450	-0.8%	12,250	0.8%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%	6,550	0.0%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Insurance	3,900	3,950	-1.3%	3,850	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,400	1,450	-3.4%	1,350	3.7%
Real Estate	1,900	1,950	-2.6%	1,850	2.7%
SERVICES	70,250	69,850	0.6%	66,750	5.2%
Lodging	4,500	4,600	-2.2%	4,400	2.3%
Personal & Business	8,500	8,300	2.4%	8,200	3.7%
Personal Services	3,200	3,100	3.2%	3,200	0.0%
Business Services	5,300	5,200	1.9%	5,000	6.0%
Recreational Services	2,500	2,700	-7.4%	2,400	4.2%
Health Services	29,100	29,000	0.3%	27,500	5.8%
Nursing & Hospital	21,200	21,200	0.0%	19,900	6.5%
Other Health	7,900	7,800	1.3%	7,600	3.9%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,100	1.2%	8,200	0.0%
Educational Services	3,100	2,800	10.7%	3,100	0.0%
Social Services	6,700	6,700	0.0%	5,700	17.5%
Other Services	7,650	7,650	0.0%	7,250	5.5%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,100	9.5%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,700	5.4%
GOVERNMENT	66,500	64,300	3.4%	66,600	-0.2%
Federal	10,400	10,600	-1.9%	10,200	2.0%
State & Local	56,100	53,700	4.5%	56,400	-0.5%
State Government	20,200	18,600	8.6%	20,400	-1.0%
Educational Services	13,200	11,500	14.8%	13,300	-0.8%
Other State Government	7,000	7,100	-1.4%	7,100	-1.4%
Local Government	35,900	35,100	2.3%	36,000	-0.3%
Educational Services	18,200	17,000	7.1%	18,200	0.0%
Other Local Government	17,700	18,100	-2.2%	17,800	-0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1990	September 1990	September 1990	October 1989	October 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	79,800	77,900	2.4%	77,850	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	10,650	10,700	-0.5%	9,850	8.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	4,600	4,700	-2.1%	4,400	4.5%
Special Trades	2,300	2,400	-4.2%	2,200	4.5%
Other Construction & Mining	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
MANUFACTURING	6,050	6,000	0.8%	5,450	11.0%
Durable Goods	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,650	5.7%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,450	3.4%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,200	8.3%
Nondurable Goods	3,250	3,200	1.6%	2,800	16.1%
Food & Kindred	2,200	2,100	4.8%	1,800	22.2%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	69,150	67,200	2.9%	68,000	1.7%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,850	4,800	1.0%	4,850	0.0%
Trucking & Warehousing	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Other Transportation	2,200	2,100	4.8%	2,200	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,650	-3.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,700	0.0%	6,700	0.0%
Durable	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,800	2.6%
Nondurable	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,900	-3.4%
RETAIL TRADE	15,250	15,250	0.0%	15,200	0.3%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3,000	3.3%
Food Stores	1,800	1,800	0.0%	2,000	-10.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,950	1,950	0.0%	1,700	14.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,800	-1.7%
Other Retail	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,700	0.0%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,600	4,600	0.0%	4,500	2.2%
Finance	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,000	5.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES	22,700	21,250	6.8%	21,700	4.6%
Lodging	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,350	3.7%
Personal & Business	3,800	3,600	5.6%	3,700	2.7%
Recreation & Amusement	850	850	0.0%	900	-5.6%
Health Services	8,300	8,200	1.2%	7,800	6.4%
Educational Services	2,200	1,200	83.3%	2,200	0.0%
Social Services	1,850	1,800	2.8%	1,650	12.1%
Membership Services	1,500	1,400	7.1%	1,500	0.0%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,600	7.7%
GOVERNMENT	15,050	14,600	3.1%	15,050	0.0%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
State	6,050	6,000	0.8%	6,350	-4.7%
State School	5,500	5,400	1.9%	5,800	-5.2%
Other State	550	600	-8.3%	550	0.0%
Local	6,700	6,300	6.3%	6,400	4.7%
Local School	4,200	3,800	10.5%	3,900	7.7%
Other Local	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1990	September 1990	September 1990	October 1989	October 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	33,100	31,700	4.4%	32,300	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,050	2,950	3.4%	3,200	-4.7%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,500	1,600	-6.3%	1,650	-9.1%
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,350	14.8%	1,550	0.0%
Durable Goods	500	450	11.1%	550	-9.1%
Nondurable Goods	1,050	900	16.7%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	30,050	28,750	4.5%	29,100	3.3%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,650	3.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,600	6.3%
RETAIL TRADE	8,200	8,050	1.9%	7,750	5.8%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,000	1,950	2.6%	1,950	2.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	3,100	3,000	3.3%	2,800	10.7%
Other Retail	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3,000	3.3%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
SERVICES	7,250	7,250	0.0%	7,150	1.4%
Personal & Business	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Health	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
Other Services	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,400	2.9%
GOVERNMENT	10,000	8,850	13.0%	9,800	2.0%
Federal	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
State	5,900	4,800	22.9%	5,800	1.7%
State School	5,400	4,300	25.6%	5,300	1.9%
Other State	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Local	2,600	2,550	2.0%	2,500	4.0%
Local School	1,350	1,250	8.0%	1,350	0.0%
Other Local	1,250	1,300	-3.8%	1,150	8.7%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	October 1990	September 1990	September 1990	October 1989	October 1989
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	40,950	41,000	-0.1%	39,550	3.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	4,450	4,550	-2.2%	4,050	9.9%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,200	2,300	-4.3%	1,800	22.2%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,250	0.0%	2,250	0.0%
Durable Goods	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,300	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,500	36,450	0.1%	35,500	2.8%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	3,100	3,150	-1.6%	2,850	8.8%
Transportation	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,150	13.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,800	1,850	-2.7%	1,700	5.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	8,000	8,050	-0.6%	7,950	0.6%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,700	1,650	3.0%	1,700	0.0%
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,150	-8.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,700	-3.7%	2,500	4.0%
Other Retail	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,550	3.2%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	12,500	12,400	0.8%	11,950	4.6%
Lodging	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Personal & Business	1,450	1,500	-3.3%	1,350	7.4%
Health Services	5,200	5,100	2.0%	4,800	8.3%
Educational Services	750	750	0.0%	850	-11.8%
Social Services	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%
Membership Services	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,250	-8.0%
Other Services	1,850	1,800	2.8%	1,700	8.8%
GOVERNMENT	9,100	9,050	0.6%	8,900	2.2%
Federal	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
State	4,100	4,100	0.0%	4,000	2.5%
State Schools	300	300	0.0%	300	0.0%
Other State	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,700	2.7%
Local	3,800	3,750	1.3%	3,750	1.3%
Local Schools	2,200	2,100	4.8%	2,100	4.8%
Other Local	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,650	-3.0%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1989
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,354	126,568	-0.2%	125,857	0.4%
Employment	119,281	119,499	-0.2%	119,294	0.0%
Unemployment	7,073	7,069	0.1%	6,563	7.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.6%	xxx	5.2%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	326,000	325,660	0.1%	328,930	-0.9%
Employment	314,680	314,800	0.0%	316,550	-0.6%
Unemployment	11,320	10,860	4.2%	12,380	-8.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.3%	xxx	3.8%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	89,630	87,870	2.0%	88,300	1.5%
Employment	87,750	85,810	2.3%	86,460	1.5%
Unemployment	1,880	2,060	-8.7%	1,840	2.2%
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.3%	xxx	2.1%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,610	35,550	3.0%	36,570	0.1%
Employment	35,540	34,290	3.6%	35,330	0.6%
Unemployment	1,070	1,260	-15.1%	1,240	-13.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.5%	xxx	3.4%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,220	47,670	-0.9%	46,600	1.3%
Employment	45,580	46,170	-1.3%	44,850	1.6%
Unemployment	1,640	1,500	9.3%	1,750	-6.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.1%	xxx	3.8%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
SEP 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	325.7	2,428.3	363.6	392.5
Employment	314.8	2,317.8	351.3	370.6
Unemployment	10.9	110.5	12.3	21.9
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	4.5%	3.4%	5.6%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989
MANUFACTURING	449.36	451.82	430.27	41.0	41.3	40.9	10.96	10.94	10.52
Durable Goods	477.25	480.28	457.88	41.5	41.8	41.4	11.50	11.49	11.06
Nondurable Goods	412.27	414.12	394.94	40.3	40.6	40.3	10.23	10.20	9.80

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989
MANUFACTURING	356.94	356.00	367.92	40.7	39.6	42.0	8.77	8.99	8.76
Durable Goods	381.61	381.51	389.79	41.3	41.2	42.6	9.24	9.26	9.15
Nondurable Goods	331.20	326.11	346.52	40.0	37.7	41.4	8.28	8.65	8.37
Food & Kindred	336.80	327.08	366.97	42.1	38.8	45.7	8.00	8.43	8.03

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	OCT 1989
MANUFACTURING	357.83	343.27	374.92	41.9	38.7	41.2	8.54	8.87	9.10
Durable Goods	357.28	352.80	377.24	40.6	40.0	41.5	8.80	8.82	9.09
Nondurable Goods	357.76	334.50	373.01	43.0	37.5	40.9	8.32	8.92	9.12

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	Percent Change From SEP 1990	OCT 1989	Percent Change From OCT 1989
All Items	124.0	133.5	132.7	0.6%	125.6	6.3%
Food & Beverage	124.9	133.4	133.0	0.3%	126.3	5.6%
Housing	123.0	130.6	130.5	0.1%	124.4	5.0%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.6	128.4	126.8	1.3%	122.7	4.6%
Transportation	114.1	125.8	123.0	2.3%	114.5	9.9%
Medical Care	149.3	167.1	165.8	0.8%	152.7	9.4%
Entertainment	126.5	134.3	134.1	0.1%	128.4	4.6%
All Other	147.7	163.2	162.6	0.4%	151.8	7.5%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	OCT 1990	SEP 1990	Percent Change From SEP 1990	OCT 1989	Percent Change From OCT 1989
All Commodities	112.2	120.8	118.3	2.1%	112.8	7.1%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	115.3	118.1	117.9	0.2%	114.5	3.1%
Industrial Commodities	111.6	121.3	118.3	2.5%	112.4	7.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89
Divide	1,313	1,346	1,381	1,273	1,316	1,340	40	30	41	3.0%	2.2%	3.0%
McKenzie	2,793	2,804	2,941	2,686	2,737	2,818	107	67	123	3.8%	2.4%	4.2%
Williams	10,550	10,837	10,788	10,164	10,436	10,308	386	401	480	3.7%	3.7%	4.4%
REGION 1	14,656	14,987	15,110	14,123	14,489	14,466	533	498	644	3.6%	3.3%	4.3%
Bottineau	3,249	3,331	3,390	3,150	3,225	3,230	99	106	160	3.0%	3.2%	4.7%
Burke	1,211	1,216	1,306	1,146	1,167	1,241	65	49	65	5.4%	4.0%	5.0%
McHenry	2,449	2,598	2,546	2,247	2,382	2,334	202	216	212	8.2%	8.3%	8.3%
Mountrail	3,335	3,385	3,328	3,140	3,208	3,114	195	177	214	5.8%	5.2%	6.4%
Pierce	2,429	2,463	2,481	2,374	2,406	2,420	55	57	61	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%
Renville	1,196	1,222	1,255	1,165	1,194	1,195	31	28	60	2.6%	2.3%	4.8%
Ward	24,994	24,701	25,256	23,997	23,765	24,160	997	936	1,096	4.0%	3.8%	4.3%
REGION 2	38,863	38,916	39,562	37,219	37,347	37,694	1,644	1,569	1,868	4.2%	4.0%	4.7%
Benson	2,443	2,552	2,977	2,178	2,286	2,644	265	266	333	10.8%	10.4%	11.2%
Cavalier	2,537	2,571	2,627	2,449	2,479	2,523	88	92	104	3.5%	3.6%	4.0%
Eddy	1,384	1,413	1,428	1,315	1,336	1,348	69	77	80	5.0%	5.4%	5.6%
Ramsey	6,636	6,677	6,473	6,462	6,486	6,272	174	191	201	2.6%	2.9%	3.1%
Rolette	4,579	4,675	4,642	4,010	4,110	4,034	569	565	608	12.4%	12.1%	13.1%
Towner	1,602	1,603	1,689	1,545	1,568	1,650	57	35	39	3.6%	2.2%	2.3%
REGION 3	19,181	19,491	19,836	17,959	18,265	18,471	1,222	1,226	1,365	6.4%	6.3%	6.9%
Grand Forks	36,609	35,544	36,573	35,536	34,285	35,331	1,073	1,259	1,242	2.9%	3.5%	3.4%
Nelson	1,816	1,862	1,884	1,761	1,813	1,821	55	49	63	3.0%	2.6%	3.3%
Pembina	5,838	5,567	5,811	5,446	5,211	5,413	392	356	398	6.7%	6.4%	6.8%
Walsh	7,662	7,873	7,921	7,322	7,570	7,575	340	303	346	4.4%	3.8%	4.4%
REGION 4	51,925	50,846	52,189	50,065	48,879	50,140	1,860	1,967	2,049	3.6%	3.9%	3.9%
Cass	62,869	61,839	62,559	61,673	60,584	61,281	1,196	1,255	1,278	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%
Ransom	2,532	2,623	2,647	2,488	2,562	2,584	44	61	63	1.7%	2.3%	2.4%
Richland	8,563	8,559	8,661	8,355	8,331	8,408	208	228	253	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%
Sargent	2,664	2,722	2,670	2,620	2,683	2,616	44	39	54	1.7%	1.4%	2.0%
Steele	1,056	1,090	1,174	1,031	1,060	1,100	25	30	74	2.4%	2.8%	6.3%
Traill	4,543	4,554	4,547	4,440	4,373	4,443	103	181	104	2.3%	4.0%	2.3%
REGION 5	82,227	81,387	82,258	80,607	79,593	80,432	1,620	1,794	1,826	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89	OCT'90	SEP'90	OCT'89
Barnes	5,814	5,829	5,778	5,678	5,693	5,665	136	136	113	2.3%	2.3%	2.0%
Dickey	3,142	3,189	3,126	3,068	3,124	3,070	74	65	56	2.4%	2.0%	1.8%
Foster	2,285	2,262	2,234	2,216	2,203	2,167	69	59	67	3.0%	2.6%	3.0%
Griggs	1,511	1,526	1,637	1,488	1,489	1,561	23	37	76	1.5%	2.4%	4.6%
La Moure	2,233	2,303	2,320	2,180	2,264	2,268	53	39	52	2.4%	1.7%	2.2%
Logan	1,464	1,457	1,481	1,407	1,427	1,464	57	30	17	3.9%	2.1%	1.1%
McIntosh	2,174	2,176	2,240	2,149	2,158	2,205	25	18	35	1.1%	0.8%	1.6%
Stutsman	11,812	11,646	11,663	11,275	11,376	11,380	537	270	283	4.5%	2.3%	2.4%
Wells	2,667	2,709	2,806	2,533	2,573	2,655	134	136	151	5.0%	5.0%	5.4%
REGION 6	33,102	33,097	33,285	31,994	32,307	32,435	1,108	790	850	3.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Burleigh	34,650	34,899	34,124	33,448	33,878	32,909	1,202	1,021	1,215	3.5%	2.9%	3.6%
Emmons	2,121	2,124	2,232	2,058	2,079	2,154	63	45	78	3.0%	2.1%	3.5%
Grant	1,794	1,827	1,928	1,742	1,782	1,833	52	45	95	2.9%	2.5%	4.9%
Kidder	1,500	1,487	1,550	1,406	1,422	1,468	94	65	82	6.3%	4.4%	5.3%
McLean	4,339	4,501	4,348	4,154	4,334	4,156	185	167	192	4.3%	3.7%	4.4%
Mercer	5,463	5,530	5,575	5,236	5,302	5,263	227	228	312	4.2%	4.1%	5.6%
Morton	12,570	12,764	12,473	12,132	12,288	11,937	438	476	536	3.5%	3.7%	4.3%
Oliver	955	1,000	1,020	921	957	974	34	43	46	3.6%	4.3%	4.5%
Sheridan	1,213	1,228	1,216	1,165	1,177	1,179	48	51	37	4.0%	4.2%	3.0%
Sioux	1,159	1,115	1,213	1,006	977	1,008	153	138	205	13.2%	12.4%	16.9%
REGION 7	65,764	66,475	65,679	63,268	64,196	62,881	2,496	2,279	2,798	3.8%	3.4%	4.3%
Adams	1,673	1,704	1,675	1,629	1,667	1,640	44	37	35	2.6%	2.2%	2.1%
Billings	861	851	915	848	837	891	13	14	24	1.5%	1.6%	2.6%
Bowman	2,075	2,101	2,137	2,027	2,056	2,072	48	45	65	2.3%	2.1%	3.0%
Dunn	1,788	1,808	1,799	1,729	1,731	1,693	59	77	106	3.3%	4.3%	5.9%
Gldn Valley	1,036	1,075	1,041	1,000	1,053	1,021	36	22	20	3.5%	2.0%	1.9%
Hettinger	1,713	1,770	1,804	1,667	1,715	1,758	46	55	46	2.7%	3.1%	2.5%
Slope	463	472	480	425	429	454	38	43	26	8.2%	9.1%	5.4%
Stark	10,676	10,673	11,158	10,124	10,230	10,505	552	443	653	5.2%	4.2%	5.9%
REGION 8	20,285	20,454	21,009	19,449	19,718	20,034	836	736	975	4.1%	3.6%	4.6%
STATE TOTALS	326,003	325,657	328,930	314,683	314,797	316,554	11,320	10,860	12,376	3.5%	3.3%	3.8%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

JOB SERVICE OFFICE LOCATIONS

BISMARCK
216 Second Street
Phone: 224-2880

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

NDSU-FARGO
Job Information and Placement Center
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

GRAFTON
927 12th St. West
Phone: 352-2202

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

UND-GRAND FORKS
McCannel Hall- Room 141
Phone: 777-3904

HARVEY
119 9th St. West
Phone: 324-4552

HETTINGER
606 2nd Avenue North
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JAMESTOWN
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Phone: 251-2256

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Phone: 663-6461

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